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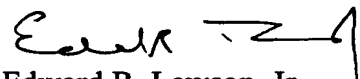
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office action mailed March 13, 2002 and is filed within the three-month period for response. A request for drawing changes under 37 C.F.R. §1.121(d) is submitted herewith in a separate paper.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claim 1.

2. (Amended) The reciprocating saw as set forth in Claim 7 wherein the housing has an upper portion, a lower portion, and opposed side portions, and wherein the lever is operable from the lower portion of the housing.

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